

**HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING**  
**Highland Town Hall- Highland, Indiana 46322**  
**November 3, 2016 MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

At 6:30 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road in Highland, Indiana.

**Roll Call:**

The following members of the 2016 Highland Main Street Board were present: Dawn Diamantopoulos, Julie Larson, Marie Russo, Marion Case and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Mario DeGeorge, Dan Dunn, Tracy Oprea, Alicia Rosignol, and Jen Duncan were absent.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the March 3, 2016, April 7, 2016, May 5, 2016, June 2, 2016, July 7, 2016, September 1, 2016, and October 13, 2016 meetings were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Town Theatre**

Dawn and Cecile reported that the bid package for rehabbing the Town Theatre will be sent out in November and bids will be received in December 2016. A presentation to the Town Council will be made some time in January 2017. If the Town Council decides to move ahead with the project and bonding, a great deal of work will have to begin for the theatre to be operational in six to eight months. Volunteers will need to be contacted and new ones recruited. Marion will continue with developing job descriptions for volunteers of the eight committees. The Theatre Board will begin to look for a Director soon after approval.

**Festival of the Trail**

The group reviewed Lance Ryskamp's summation of the Festival. They liked the idea of a food contest among food providers and the idea of providing generators. Julie will check out the cost of generators. Everyone agreed that the public announcement system needs to be checked before the festival begins and more advertising of fitness programs is needed. Another suggestion is to pay the musicians, just as the musicians for the Farmer's Market are paid. A new banner that can be reused each year was suggested, as well as, providing live art events during the festival.

**Façade Improvement Grant**

Cecile reported that Corporate Threads at 2929 Highway Avenue is just about done with their façade improvement. The owners of 8630 Kennedy, the new location for the proposed Hydrant, have applied for a façade grant.

**Art & Cultural District Plan**

Cecile stated that negotiations are still ongoing with property owners within the proposed Art & Cultural District.

### **Sculpture and Art Tour of Highland**

Cecile reported that she will be contacting Purdue Northwest about possibly acquiring sculptures on a loan basis. She also stated that the owner of 2817-2819 Jewett Street will allow a mural on the east side of that building. The group decided to have another competition to complete that mural.

### **Poet Laureate**

On December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Lily Rex, the Poet Laureate will host a “Good Beer, Bad Poetry” event at Brew Fest on Kennedy Avenue. The group decided to schedule a call out for the next Poet Laureate in March 2017.

### **Discussion**

Cecile mentioned that many of the HMS members will have their terms end in 2017. She will send out renewal forms.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.